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TAGS: MIDDLE GRADE MILITARY OFFICERS CONCERNED OVER
EVENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE

REF: DAO/LISBON MSG 655 261430Z OCT 73, LISBON 3984 (1973)

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF CIRCULAR LETTER REPORTED-
LY DISTRIBUTED AMONG MIDDLE GRADE MILITARY OFFICERS IN
METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL, CONTAINING TEXT OF MESSAGE
RECEIVED JANUARY 21 FROM SIMILAR OFFICERS IN MOZAMBIQUE.
HIGHLIGHTS:

2. AS RESULT TERRORIST ACTS NEAR VILA PERY, CITIZENS
OF VILA PERY, VILA MANICA AND BEIRA DEMONSTRATED
JANUARY 17. IN BEIRA CITIZENS EXPRESSED LACK OF
CONFIDENCE IN ARMED FORCES, STONED AND FIRED ON
OFFICERS' MESS, BREAKING WINDOWS. OUR FEARS OF
BECOMING SCAPEGOAT BEGINNING TO MATERIALIZE. WE
SUGGEST URGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT ARMED FORCES FROM
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BEING INSULTED. IN BEIRA COMMANDER IN CHIEF ARMY WAS

TARGET INSULTS; IN VILA PERY A CAPTAIN (NAMED) INJURED BY THROWN STONE. A DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR GENERAL COSTA GOMES URGING IMMEDIATE MEASURES. PRESTIGE OF ARMED FORCES GREATLY AFFECTED; TARNISHING OF IMAGE COULD BE IRREVERSIBLE.

3. CIRCULAR CONTINUES, STATING AUTHORS (WHO SIGN ONLY AS "THE COMMITTEE"), WILL CONTACT HIGHEST MILITARY LEVELS. CIRCULAR CALLS ON RECIPIENTS TO SEEK JUST REDRESS FOR AN INSTITUTION WHICH FOR TWELVE YEARS HAS DONE ITS DUTY, AND WHICH DOES NOT MERIT UNINFORMED CRITICISM.

4. COMMENT: AS BROUGHT OUT IN REFTELS, DISSATISFACTION AMONG MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS IS NOT NEW. ALSO FEAR BY MILITARY THAT "LOSS" OF OVERSEAS WOULD BE PINNED ON THEM HAS ARISEN FROM TIME TO TIME. WE CHECKING TO ASSESS IMPORTANCE THIS EVENT.
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